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everybody concerned. Therefore, I would like to support Senator Warner's bill and I would oppose the idea of bracketing it for a week unless the introducer thought it would be for the best interest of the state.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney then Senator Fowler.

SENATOR WHITNEY: May I ask Senator Warner a question, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes

SENATOR WHITNEY: The principal note says that we shall appropriate \$105,000 for this planning for this coming year, and then there shall be an additional sum set aside for 1975-1976 in the amount of a \$2½ million. Now, doesn't this mean that if we take action on this now that this is our intent is to build this building \$2½ million in the year 1975-1976 as the fiscal note indicates?

SENATOR WARNER: The answer Senator Whitney would be no. No more than it was the appropriation that the committee, Budget Committee recommended and the Legislature adopted in 1972 session which appropriated \$20,000 and in 1973 reappropriated the balance for planning. That as you well know does not make a commitment beyond that. All we're doing here now is saying that this would be an appropriate site if the Legislature decides to appropriate the funds for the construction of the building at some future date. I don't believe there is going to be any commitment as to the building one way or the other.

SENATOR WHITNEY: OK, and then I have another question Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: One other thing I want, excuse me, the \$105,000 I believe is the request by the Historical Society for additional planning, \$20,000 is what I notice is in the Governor's recommendation and of course I do not know what the Budget Committee will recommend.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, now another question. For several years now, I have had constituents in my Legislative District asking me to come to this Legislature for the purpose of putting a wheat museum out at either Ogallala or west of there somewhere on the interstate, close to the interstate. Would you have an objection to putting an amendment on this bill which would include a wheat museum for western Nebraska?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner do you care to respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Do I have an objection to putting an amendment for the site?

SENATOR WHITNEY: For site and an eventual building for a wheat museum for historical purposes in western Nebraska.

SENATOR WARNER: I would assume Senator Whitney, that you would want to have gone the route of a public hearing and so forth for such a decision, but certainly I would not object to recognizing the importance of wheat in Nebraska, if that's what you're asking.